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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated December 31, 2007. Claims 1-17 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6 and 15-17 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3, 8 and 9 have been amended by rewriting them in independent form (and claim 3 has been clarified, in response to the indefinite rejection), claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 3 only, claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 8, claims 10 and 12 have been amended to include the features of claim 3 as originally filed, claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 3, and new claim 18 which is substantially the same as claim 7 but depends from claim 9 has been added. Applicant submits that no new matter and no new issues are introduced by this Amendment, and therefore respectfully requests entry of this Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 3-5, 6-9, 11-14 and 18 would remain pending, with claims 3, 8-10 and 12 being in independent form.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 3 has been amended by rewriting it in independent form and to clarify that the network facsimile has an electronic mail address extraction (instead of "input") device. Support for this clarifying amendment can be found in paragraph [0040] of the application.

Applicant submits that the amendment to claim 3 does not introduce new issue, as it remains allowable for at least the same reasons previously articulated.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly

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unpatentable over Makoto (JP 11-355347) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,102 to Cobb.

The Office Action also states that claims 3, 8 and 9 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, and that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6 and 15-17 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3, 8 and 9 have been amended by rewriting them in independent form (and claim 3 has been clarified, in response to the indefinite rejection), and claims 10 and 12 have been amended to include the features of claim 3 as originally filed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 3, 8-10 and 12, and the claims depending therefrom are now allowable.

In view of the amendments and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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